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PETITION TO COMMISSIONER FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ON PETITION OF PCT LEGAL OFFICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181

Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181, this is a Petition to the Commissioner requesting reconsideration of a Notification of the PCT Legal Office issued September 25, 2002 vacating the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) ("Notification"). Applicant believes that such a Petition is appropriate under the conditions set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a). For the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the Notification was clearly in error. Accordingly, reinstatement of the above application as a U.S. National Stage application is respectfully requested.

Statement of Facts/Background

On September 24, 2001, Applicant filed the above application in the U.S. Designated/Elected Office. The contents of the filing included:

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(1) Transmittal Form PCT/DO/EO/1390 indicating that the application is a national stage filing (**Tab 1**);

- (2) A copy of the PCT Request filed in the corresponding PCT application;
- (3) A copy of the PCT Cover Sheet filed in the corresponding PCT application;
- (4) A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report issued for the corresponding PCT application;
- (5) A copy of the International Search Report issued for the corresponding PCT application;
- (6) A Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98;
- (7) A first Preliminary Amendment; and
- (8) An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) submitted in accordance with 37 USC 371(c)(3) (**Tab 2**)

On October 30, 2001 a Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 was mailed to Applicant, along with a Filing Receipt (both of which are enclosed at **Tab 3**). The Notice of Acceptance explicitly stated that International Application PCT/EP00/01444 had met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and was accepted for national patentability examination. The Filing Receipt indicated that the national phase application was a 371 of PCT/EP00/01444 under the "Domestic priority data as claimed by applicant".

Subsequently, on May 2, 2002, an Office Action on the merits was mailed to Applicant. Applicant timely filed a response to the Office Action on July 30, 2002. In the response, Applicant amended page 1 of the specification to properly reflect the lineage of the present U.S. application in relation to PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/01444. Applicant also concurrently filed a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim Under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3).

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On September 25, 2002, the PCT Legal Office issued the Notification vacating the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and ordered the application be processed as an application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and not as a U.S. national stage application. The PCT Legal Office reached this decision because, in its opinion, Applicant's First Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with request for entry into the national phase contained the header "Preliminary Amendment Under 35 U.S.C. 111". The PCT Legal Office alleged that this statement gave rise to a level of ambiguity as to whether an application under 111(a) or a national stage application was intended to be filed by Applicant. Citing 37 C.F.R. 1.495(g) and MPEP 1893.03(a) in support of its position, the PCT Legal Office indicated that, in the event that an ambiguity is present, the application must be treated as a 111(a) application.

Statement/Point for Review by Commissioner

The vacation of the above application as a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371 by the PCT Legal Office was in error

For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the PCT Legal Office's Notification ordering the application be processed as a 111(a) application was clearly in error. Applicant's position is based largely upon the standard provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.495(g) and MPEP 1893.03(a) for evaluating whether a national phase application or an application under 35 U.S.C. 111 is intended to be filed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the decision of the PCT Legal Office set forth in the Notification be set aside and that the application be treated as a national stage application as correctly determined by the Patent Office.

In support of its argument, the PCT Legal Office cites 37 C.F.R. 1.495(g) and MPEP 1893.03(a) for the position that an ambiguity as to whether an application is to be filed as a national stage or a 111(a) application is to be resolved in favor of a 111(a) application. Applicant does not dispute

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such a position. Applicant instead submits that no such ambiguity exists. Moreover, Applicant submits that the PCT Legal Office has arrived at its decision without a thorough analysis to the C.F.R. and MPEP provisions that it has cited. When evaluating the arguments of the PCT Legal Office properly in view of the above C.F.R. and MPEP provisions taken in their entirety, it is clear that the position of the PCT Legal Office is without merit.

37 C.F.R. 1.495(g) states:

"The documents and fees submitted under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section must, except for a copy of the international publication or translation of the international application that is identified as provided in § 1.417, be clearly identified as a submission to enter the national stage under under 35 U.S.C. 371. Otherwise, the submission will be considered as being made under 35 U.S.C. 111(a)"

37 C.F.R. 1.495(b) and (c) states as follows:

"To avoid abandonment of the application the applicant shall furnish to the United States Patent and Trademark Office not later than the expiration of 30 months from the priority date:

- (1) A copy of the international application, unless it has been previously communicated by the International Bureau or unless it was originally filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and
- (2) The basic national fee (see § 1.492(a)). The 30-month time limit may not be extended."

(emphasis added)

37 C.F.R. 1.495 (c) states:

"If applicant complies with paragraph (b) of this section before expiration of 30 months from the priority date but omits:

(1) A translation of the international application, as filed, into the English language, if it was originally filed in another language (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) and/or

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(2) The oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4); see § 1.497), and a declaration of inventorship in compliance with § 1.497 has not been previously submitted in the international application under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) within the time limits provided for in PCT Rule 26ter.1. applicant will be so notified and given a period of time within which to file the translation and/or oath or declaration in order to prevent abandonment of the application. The payment of the processing fee set forth in § 1.492(f) is required for acceptance of an English translation later than the expiration of 30 months after the priority date. The payment of the surcharge set forth in § 1.492(e) is required for acceptance of the oath or declaration of the inventor later than the expiration of 30 months after the priority date. A "Sequence Listing" need not be translated if the "Sequence Listing" complies with PCT Rule 12.1(d) and the description complies with PCT Rule 5.2(b)."

(emphasis added).

It is clear that Applicant has provided the items referenced in 37 C.F.R. 1.495(g) and that those items were clearly marked as intended for national stage entry. Such documents include:

- (a) a copy of the International Application;
- (b) the basic national fee under § 1.492(a); and
- (c) an Oath or Declaration under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4).

With the exception of a copy of the International Application, such items were filed concurrently with the request to enter the national phase and were listed on Transmittal Form PCT/DO/EO/1390 (see **Tab 1**)¹. Receipt of these items was acknowledged by the Patent Office in the Notification of Acceptance of Application. Accordingly, in view of 37 C.F.R. 1.495(g), which was cited by the PCT Legal Office in its Notification, Applicant respectfully submits that it unquestionably intended the application to enter the national stage as opposed to a 111(a) filing.

The PCT Legal Office also cites MPEP 1893.03(a), pages 1800-114 in support of its position. Applicant respectfully submits that a more thorough

¹ A copy of the International Application was transmitted by the International Bureau to the Patent Office. Acknowledgement of receipt of the International Application was indicated by the Notification of Acceptance of Application issued by the Patent Office

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examination of this passage reveals that the present application was clearly intended for national stage entry.

MPEP 1893.03(a) lists three key factors in evaluating whether an application is to be considered as filed under 35 U.S.C. 371. Such factors are:

- (A) The file face indication of a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- (B) *The Form PCT/DO/EO/903* indicating acceptance of the application as a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371; and ,
- (C) Applicant's statement (or the equivalent) in the originally filed application papers that the application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. Applicants who use transmittal Form PCT/DO/EO/1390 will satisfy the requirement for such a statement since the form includes an indication that the application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

(emphasis added)

With respect to factor (A), the filing of Transmittal Form PCT/DO/EO/1390 (see **Tab 1**) by Applicant fulfills its requirement. In particular, the first line of Form PCT/DO/EO/1390 states:

"Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371"

With respect to factor (B), the Patent Office issued a Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicating acceptance of the application as a national phase filing. See **Tab 3**. Accordingly, this factor is met.

With respect to factor (C), Applicant has provided a statement that the application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 by virtue of the submission of Form PCT/DO/EO/1390. See **Tab 1**. Factor (C) indicates that "Applicants who use transmittal form PCT/DO/EO/1390 will satisfy the requirement for such a statement..." (MPEP 1893.03(a)). Therefore, this factor is believed to be satisfied.

In addition to the above, MPEP 1893.03(a) further states:

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"... In accordance with the notice at 1077 O.G. 13 (14 April 1987), if the applicant files a U.S. national application and clearly identifies in the accompanying oath or declaration the specification to which it is directed by referring to a particular international application by PCT Application Number and International Filing Date and that he or she is executing the declaration as, and seeking a U.S. Patent as, the inventor of the invention described in the identified international application, then the application <u>will</u> be accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 371. ..."

(emphasis added)

Applicant refers the Commissioner to **Tab 2** which is a copy of the inventor's Declaration filed concurrently with the application. The Declaration clearly indicates that the reference application is <u>PCT</u>

International Application No. PCT/EP00/01444 filed 23 February 2000.

Therefore, in accordance with the passage of MPEP 1893.03(a) cited above, the present application is to accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Conclusion/Action Requested

When properly analyzed in light of the appropriate legal standards, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application was unquestionably intended for national phase filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. In view of such an analysis, a single statement in a Preliminary Amendment referring to 35 U.S.C. 111 cannot be construed as giving rise to an ambiguity as to the intention of the filing². The evidence of record overwhelmingly indicates that Applicant intended the application be filed as a national stage application.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner reverse the decision of the PCT Legal Office set forth in the Notification, and that the Application be properly afforded its initial and correct status as a national stage application.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.181(f), this Petition is considered to be timely filed because it is filed within two months from the mailing of the Notification. Additionally, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No.07-1392 for any fee that may be due so as to fulfill the requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.181(d).

It is encouraged that Applicant's undersigned representative be contacted at (919) 483-9616 in the event that there are any questions or concerns pertaining to the above.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Applicant submits that this statement in the Preliminary Amendment was an inadvertent typographical error and made without deceptive intent.

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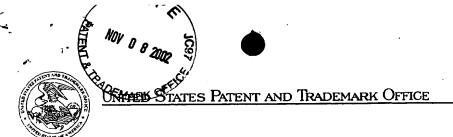
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